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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Williams

Application No.: 10/081,419

Filed: 2/22/2002

Title: Around-the-Pump Additive System for Industrial Scale Hazards

Attorney Docket No.: 50051

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Examiner:  
Ganey

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION Mailed 6/28/2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of June 28, 2005, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as per the attached claim sheet.

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 9-17 are allowed. Claims 1-8 were rejected under Section 112 as indefinite, but would be allowable if it rewritten. Claims 3, 4, 10-12 and 14 had previously been withdrawn, but in the above referenced action the withdrawn claims were allowed. Such claims have thus been denominated "original" herein.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection based on an asserted double inclusion issue. Applicant submits that claim 1 as amended no longer raises the Examiner's double inclusion issue. However, applicant would point out that the standard pump involved in drawing out, or pumping out, at least 2000 gpm from a water reservoir needed not be the only means, or the only pump, involved in drawing out said water.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Sue Z. Shaper, Applicants' Attorney at 713 550 5710 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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